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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Toby Reynold on 4/28/04.

The application has been amended as follows:

In Claim 14, line 5, replace "shape" with --protrusion effective--.

In Claim 14, line 5, replace "an undercut region" with --respective first and second undercut regions--.

In Claim 14, line 9, delete "responsive to a complete opening of said mold".

In Claim 14, line 10, insert after cavity with --, said means responsive to a complete opening of said mold--.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to teach a mold having two pins each having a protrusion effective for molding respective first and second undercut regions in the part molded in the cavity and holes enabling the mold to partially open without pulling the pins from the undercut regions until the part has been released from the cavity. The closest prior art, Anscher

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

- 3. New corrected drawings are required in this application because the current drawings are informal, particularly the reference numbers are handwritten and not neat or clear. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsperson outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.
- 4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Emmanuel S. Luk whose telephone number is (571) 272-1134. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7 to 4 and alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wanda L. Walker can be reached on (571) 272-1151. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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